

MILITARY SERVICE CREDITABLE FOR CSRS/FERS RETIREMENT

1. General Rule: All honorable ACTIVE duty military service is **potentially** creditable under CSRS and FERS.

EXCEPTION: Employees in receipt of military retired pay receive NO credit for military service unless they waive military retired pay.

Waiver request must be submitted at least 60 days before separation so that it will take effect when CSRS/FERS annuity commences. (Waives only monthly check; it does not waive other military benefits)

OR

The active duty military service was not included in the computation of military retired pay (to include service as a cadet or midshipman in the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, or the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.)

EXCEPTION TO EXCEPTION: Credit is allowed if retired pay is based on:

Combat-connected disability

Age and service in the reserves (under chapter 67, title 10, USC)

MILITARY DEPOSIT

CSRS

1. No deposit is due for military service performed prior to 1-1-57.
2. For Military service performed on or after 1-1-57, the deposit owed is 7% of the military basic pay earned during the post-56 military service, plus interest. (An individual first employed in a position covered by CSRS before October 1, 1982, may receive credit for post-1956 military service if he or she retires from civilian service prior to age 62. However, if the employee does not make a military service deposit, military service cannot be used in the computation of CSRS benefits when the employee reaches age 62, if he or she is entitled (or upon proper application would be entitled) to Social Security benefits at that time. An individual first employed in a position covered by CSRS on or after October 1, 1982, must make a military service deposit in order to receive credit for post-1956 military service for any purpose.)
3. For most employees under CSRS or for employees who transferred to FERS, interest started 10-1-85 at the variable (market) interest rates.

FERS

1. No deposit is due for military service performed before 1-1-57.
2. A deposit is required in order to receive credit for military service performed after 12-31-56. **(The deposit is necessary to get credit for both eligibility and computation purposes.)**
3. The military deposit is 3% of the basic pay earned during the post-1956 military service, plus interest.
4. Interest starts and is compounded annually beginning 2 years from the date of the first employment under FERS. Interest is charged at the variable market rate.

POST-56 MILITARY DEPOSIT PROCEDURES

1. Complete the attached form and mail or fax to the proper military pay center for verification of estimated earnings for your active duty military service. Addresses and fax numbers are listed on the next page. You should also include a copy of your DD-214, Academy transcript or other documentation confirming military service with the request.
2. After you receive the form back from the military pay center, return the form and DD-214 or other documentation to our office at:

USDA, ARS, HRD, REE Services Branch
Retirement & Benefits Staff
5601 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5107

You may also fax the information to 301-504-1540.

3. You will then be notified of the amount due and the additional procedures and forms necessary to complete the payment process.

ESTIMATED EARNINGS DURING MILITARY SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS: Use a separate RI 20-97 for each branch of service. Attach DD-214 or equivalent and any available records of pay or promotions. If you do not have a DD-214 or equivalent, obtain an SF-180 from your personnel office and have your service verified before forwarding this form to the pay center. The pay center cannot provide estimated earnings unless verification of service is attached.

To	Employee name (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)	
	Other names used	
	Social Security Number	Date of Birth
	All military service numbers	
	Branch of Service	

The uniformed services must provide estimated basic pay by Federal employees for military service after December 31, 1956, for the purpose of making a deposit to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund for retirement credit. Please provide the estimated basic pay earned by the above named employee.

Signature of Requester	Relationship to employee <input type="checkbox"/> Employee is requester <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Specify</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor	Date
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Active military service after December 31, 1956 (Dates indicated below must be based on DD-214 or equivalent)		TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL Estimated Earnings (Base Pay) (Do not provide estimated earnings for any period of service prior to January 1, 1957.)				
From (Mo,Dy,Yr)	To (Mo,Dy,Yr)	From (Mo,Dy,Yr)	To (Mo,Dy,Yr)	Rate of Basic Pay	Earnings	Type of Discharge
					\$	
					\$	
					\$	
					\$	
					\$	

1. If period of service began before and ended after December 31, 1956, enter date service actually began. (Mo, Dy, Yr)	2. Lost time <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Number of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive			
	From (Mo,Dy,Yr)	To (Mo,Dy,Yr)	From (Mo,Dy,Yr)	To (Mo,Dy,Yr)
Signature of authorized official furnishing estimate		Date (Mo,Dy,Yr)	Telephone number (<i>including Area Code</i>)	
Typed name of authorized official		Title of authorized official		

Requester's name and address

Return
Completed
Form to

**Send the Request for Earnings During Military Service to the appropriate address shown below.
(Reverse of RI 20-97)**

ARMY	DFAS-IN ATTN: DFAS-FJESR 8899 EAST 56TH STREET INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46249-0001	FAX: 317-510-5575 VOICE: 317-510-2800
NAVY	DIRECTOR DFAS-CLEVELAND CENTER-FMAA 1240 E. 9TH STREET CLEVELAND, OH 44199-2055 ATTN: LARRY ROBERTSON	FAX: 216-522-6924 VOICE: 216-522-6545
AIR FORCE	DFAS-DE/FJY 6760 EAST IRVINGTON PLACE DENVER, CO 80279-3000	FAX: 303-676-6218 VOICE: 303-676-7408
MARINES	DFAS-KC CENTER/FCRAF 1500 E. 95TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 64197-0001	FAX: 816-926-3129 VOICE: 816-926-7652 VOICE: 800-449-3129
COAST GUARD	COMMANDING OFFICER (SES) SEPARATED SERVICE or (MAS) MILITARY ACTIVE HRSIC 444 SE QUINCY STREET TOPEKA, KS 66683-3591 ATTN: DICK PARKER or EARL RIDER	FAX: 785-295-2544 (SES) FAX: 785-295-2638 (MAS) VOICE: 785-357-3540
PUBLIC HEALTH	PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DIVISION OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL COMPENSATION BRANCH PARKLAWN BUILDING, ROOM 4-50 5600 FISHER'S LANE ROCKVILLE, MD 20857	FAX: 301-594-2711 VOICE: 301-594-2963
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION	NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION 1315 EAST-WEST HIGHWAY SSMC-3, ROOM 12100 SILVER SPRING, MD 20910 ATTN: CAPT. RUSSELL ARNOLD	FAX: 301-713-4140 VOICE: 301-713-3444 (Ext. 115)

CSRS

FERS

Service Credit Payments for Post-1956 Military Service

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